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Re: FY 2002/03 to 2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program; SCAG Highway and Transit FTIP Amendment #3

Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500, for Kris Balaji, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Morales:

We have completed our review of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) 2002/03 to 2007/08 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment # 3, as requested by your letter of June 19, 2003. Additionally, we acknowledge the receipt and inclusion of project ORA48 to the amendment.

We find that this SCAG TIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23USC 134 & 135, 49 USC 5303-5305, and 23CFR450. The changes made to the program by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed [40CFR Section 9.126 and or Section 93.127]. As required by 40 CFR parts 51 and 93, the projects included in this amendment are found to conform in accordance with Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act as amended by 42 USC 7504, 7506(c) and (d). Moreover, this amendment has been coordinated with the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

This letter constitutes approval, and inclusion of SCAG's TIP Amendment # 3 into California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), with the understanding that the eligibility of individual projects is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all FTA and FHWA administrative requirements. This approval is based on the Department of Transportation/Caltrans assurance that the funding for this amendment does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan.

If you have any questions regarding this determination, please do not hesitate to contact Sandra Balmir of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Office at (213) 202-3953.

Sincerely,

/s/
Erv Poka

For
Leslie T. Rogers
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/s/
Sandra Balmir

For
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Enclosure

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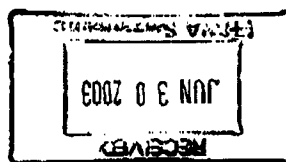
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June 19, 2003

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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following Amendment of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) 2002/03-2007/08 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
3	State, Local and Transit Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none">Modifies or adds various projects in various counties. The amendment includes projects with funding from the Surface Transportation Program (STP), Federal Demonstration Program, National Highway System (NHS), Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) program and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5307, 5309a, 5309b, 5309c Programs and other federal funds.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment for inclusion into California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP Amendment and are shown for information only.

The projects under this amendment have been found by SCAG to conform to air quality regulations. Therefore, this FTIP Amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The SCAG prepared this FTIP Amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

"Caltrans improves mobility across California"

Mr. Gary N. Hamby/Mr. Leslie T. Rogers


June 19, 2003

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This approval includes the changes made by SCAG to project MPO ID: ORA48 to reflect the corrected funding split following the submittal of the original amendment No. 3.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Muhaned Aljabiry of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,


JIM NICHOLAS
Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

- c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- John C. Cox - Southern California Association of Governments
- Rosemary Ayala - Southern California Association of Governments
- Muhaned Aljabiry - Caltrans
- Sandra Balmir - FHWA, LA Office